



IMPORTANT NOTICE

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1947

COCKTAILS AT 6:30 P.M. -- DINNER AT 7 P.M.
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SPEAKER.... AHED EMIN YALMAN, who is the editor and publisher of VATAN, publication of Ankara, Turkey. Mr. Yalman was brought over to the United States to speak at the TIME Forum in Cleveland. He represented the Middle East point of view. His subject on Wednesday will be: "What the Middle East Thinks the United States Should Do In Its Foreign Policy."

EXTRA Virginia Irwin of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who is on her way back to Europe, and Andrew Tully, former Scripps-Howard war correspondent now on the staff of the New York World-Telegram, were the two correspondents who got into Berlin before anybody else -- with what results we all know. They will be present to say "hello" to OPC pals.

BUSINESS MEETING 8:30 P.M. (Members are urged to come to the business meeting even if they can't attend the dinner.)

AGENDA

Report of the Executive Committee
Report of the Membership Committee
Report of the Admissions Committee
Dinner Committee plans
New Quarters
New Business

Members, active and associate, are urged to come to this evening get-together --- not only to meet other members but to take part in the policy-making of the Overseas Press Club of America.

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ATTENTION: Meeting of the Dinner Committee in OPC office at the Lotus Club on Monday, Jan. 27th, at 8 P.M.

January 21, 1947
New York, N. Y.

At a meeting of the Dinner Committee held at the Club office on Monday, January 20, there were present John Barkham, Eugene English, David Resnick, Phil Edwards, Curt Heymann, Hal Lee, Thurston Macaulay, Ralph H. Major, Jr., Adele Nathan, Henry Gellerman and Hester Hensell. Many questions of policy regarding the annual dinner to be held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday, March 4, were discussed.

Members should have or soon will receive a letter asking them to send in to the committee names of individuals who would be interested in receiving invitations to the Dinner. The list of friends and acquaintances should be sent to the office as soon as possible as the addressing of envelopes has already begun.

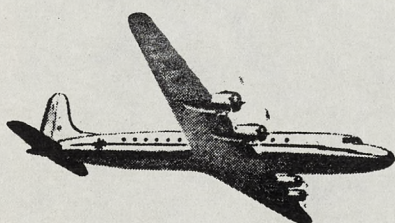
The Dinner Committee would appreciate OPC members giving them suggestions as to ideas and speakers, etc. Hester Hensell was happy to tell the Committee that we will have a gourmet's menu by Philippe of the Waldorf, and, believe it or not, filet mignon.

Sonia Tomara, Chairman of the Qualifications Committee, held a meeting on Wednesday, January 15, which John Barkham, Frederick Abbott and Bruno Shaw attended. Their recommendations will be made to the Board of Governors.

Jimmy Young, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondents' Passports, asks for suggestions from the members regarding this important problem. Hal Lee, editor of Pan America Magazine, who is on the committee, reports that all members of the Inter-American Press Association were made honorary citizens of Colombia at the conference recently held in Bogota. This honor, of course, enables correspondents to pass in and out of the country without a visa.

Randall Gould, editor of Shanghai's English-language "Evening Post and Mercury", announced that the price of the paper would be raised from 300 to 500 Chinese dollars per copy (15¢ U.S.). It seems that newsboys were finding it difficult to dig up change for 500-dollar bills.

Bob Neville, Time correspondent in New Delhi, reported in the January 13 issue of the magazine that "the British position in India is weakening so fast that in a few months' time, the British will be unable to impose their will here a day longer, leaving the All-India Congress sitting pretty."



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Jimmy Young was the speaker at Town Hall today (Jan. 21) at 11 A.M. He discussed "Our Stake in Asia." OPC member Gregor Ziemer is educational director of Town Hall.

John Goette is addressing the Harvard Club in Boston on Wednesday evening, January 22. His subject: "The Far East".

Harold Isaacs of Newsweek is the author of the book "No Peace for Asia," which will be published this spring by Macmillan & Co. It is one of four which Macmillan will publish on the Far East.

Carl Mydans is happy that his wife Shelley and son Seth Anthony have left San Francisco to join him at his post for Time in Tokyo. Shelley will work in Time's Tokyo office as part-time assistant to her husband.

Earl Leaf has left for South America again -- to do assignments for various magazines and another book on the music and dances of that continent. His first book, "Isles of Rhythm," will be published in the fall. Now he is going to every capital of South America, returning in three or four months.

Richard Sarno is now visiting the 16 Hearst newspapers in an effort to bring them up to date on post-war photography, photographic equipment etc. Prizes will be awarded for the best 1946 Hearst pictures. Totalling more than \$5,000, the prizes will be distributed among the more than 250 cameramen employed by Hearst.

Dr. William Bruette was discussing the West with some OPC members. Bill, who is from Wisconsin, said: "You think the Missourians are hard-boiled when they have to be shown. In Wisconsin the saying goes that 'they have to hold it in their hand'".

Kay Boyle, now in Europe, authors a fiction story "The Miracle Goat," in the January issue of Woman's Home Companion.

Ralph Ingersoll, founder and former editor of the New York newspaper PM, took the negative side in a debate with another correspondent over CBS recently on the subject: "Should We Get Tough With Russia?"

Egbert White is the publisher and general manager of a new monthly magazine to be published soon called United Nations World. It is to be published simultaneously in several countries. Bill Shirer of CBS will be one of the editors. Bert White, who managed the network of daily newspapers comprising the Mediterranean Stars and Stripes, says that this new publication will do a job that the U.N. official services cannot do and still preserve impartiality. Subscription \$4.00 per year.



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The Admissions Committee, consisting of Fred Abbott, John Goette and Lucian Kirtland, announces the following new members:

Edward Beattie Jr., United Press of America. Now in London, Ed has been a foreign and war correspondent since 1933, covering Germany, Ethiopia, China, Japan, Britain, Poland, etc.

Lynn Heinzerling, Associated Press, now in Berlin. Lynn was assigned to Germany in 1938-39; Finland, 1939-40; Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, 1940-41; England, Egypt, 1943; Vienna, 1945-46.

Carl Mydans, Time, Inc., now in Tokyo. Carl has been a foreign and war correspondent overseas since 1939. In all those years he has spent only about 14 months in all in the States.

Stanley M. Swinton, Associated Press, Batavia, Netherlands East Indies. Swinton has been in the Pacific since December, 1945, for A.P. From 1943 to 1945, he served with Stars and Stripes in Europe.

Lynn Farnol, associate, with Samuel Goldwyn Productions. Farnol was abroad from 1942 to 1945 as correspondent for various aviation publications.

Bill Chaplin covered the Georgia Governorship tangle in Atlanta last week. He and Wright Bryan, editor of the Atlanta Journal, had a good visit.

Helen Hiatt of the N.Y. Herald Tribune has just come back from a flying visit to every capital in South America in connection with the approaching visit of 28 Latin American students to New York for a Herald Tribune Forum. She says members might want to know that Bea Parker, former WAC in Rome, is now in New York.

Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers has left for Japan and Korea.

Eliot Elisofon of Life Magazine left recently for Johannesburg, South Africa, by plane --- to make pictures, of course.

Joe Phillips, foreign editor of Newsweek, has a lead article in the current issue which profiles the leaders in Indo-China.

Bill Downs of CBS is on a reporting trip through the Middle West..... Dick Hottelet is in Berlin for Columbia.

Nola Luxford is in New Zealand where she is the guest of the government. She will return to the States some time in March.

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ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND TEN MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON LAST WEEK TO HEAR John Parkerson of Press Wireless and Lee Stowe. Sonia Tomara, vice-president, presided.

Glimpsed at the luncheon.... Henry Shapiro, OPC member and UP bureau chief in Moscow, who had as his guests the Soviet Consul General here in New York, Mr. Lomachine, formerly deputy press chief in Moscow, and Mr. Salmon, assistant editor of the Atlantic Monthly.... Cliff Evans, of the New York Post, who had as his guest Fred Laiton of Reuter's, just back from the Orient.... Bill Ormerod, of the British Information Service, introduced his guest, General Sir Edward Morros, KCB, the British Army representative on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations... Dick Tregaskis had Harry Marble of CBS as guest, and Jimmy Young brought John Madigan, news director of ABC.

Lee Stowe didn't pull any punches in talking of the present situation along the Danube. He termed the phrase "iron curtain" a political catchword. He says that any journalist with patience and perseverance can pierce this so-called curtain. Stowe lamented the fact that none of the wire services had American correspondents in Eastern Europe -- either as bureau chiefs or as roving correspondents. He said they depended mainly on local newsmen for their reports.

"Obviously the wire services have a new concept of a bureau chief," continued Stowe. "The bureau chief today is expected to sell the wire service to the local newspapers and what he sells is supposed to cover his salary and expenses, so far as I was able to see. How can you expect a bureau chief to report the news or have a chance at checking up on local conditions if he is a trained seal and salesman???????"

Lee feels that the coming Moscow conference will plow up a lot of ground with regard to the eventual peace treaty with Germany but he thinks it will take two years or more to reach agreement. He says that the Russians now can not maintain an unyielding position all along the line. The Soviets need to be in the family of nations now -- not only for the raw materials they need for rebuilding but also for credits. They have taken war booty from the Balkans, as much as the traffic would bear, according to Stowe, and as a result these countries will be impoverished for years. No national industrialization is being attempted along the Danube, he says, but an effort is made to encourage production with existing facilities.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.



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